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From: Allison Castellan - NOAA Federal [mailto:allison.castellan@noaa.gov]
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On Thu, May 1, 2014 at 6:38 PM, Psyk, Christine <Psyk.Christine@epa.gov> wrote:

Allison, Appreciate your help with these. Here are some thoughts that you can embellish, tweak, add to, etc.

- The federal agencies will need an extension to the May 15, 2014 schedule to make a decision on the Oregon CZARA coastal nonpoint pollution control plan.
- The federal agencies received 85 public comments. Many comments are substantial and include lengthy attachments for our consideration, including NWEA's 83 page comment letter and 847 attached documents.
- Oregon also provided an 80+ page submittal that we must consider.
- To do a thorough and thoughtful review and allow for internal deliberations and senior management briefings, we will need an extension until January 30, 2015 to make our decision.

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- The federal agencies believe withholding grant funds is appropriate and consistent with statute and regulations only when the Agencies make a decision to disapprove a state's coastal nonpoint pollution plan. We have not yet

made a determination about the State's program.

· We have told the State that we will impose penalties and withhold funds if and when we make a disapproval determination. To impose penalties before a determination is made is premature.

· The State is counting on the FY14 grant funds to fund many deserving projects. (Dave Croxton's staff will put together some info. on the amount of 319 funds we would expect to award to Oregon in FY14 and the queue of projects waiting to be funded. We can discuss some of the impacts withholding funds would have on these projects and how that might be perceived as not playing "fair" when the Agencies haven't even made a decision. Might be useful to also have some talking points about impact of withholding 306 funds.)

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Again, Allison, thanks for your help with these.

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